

HOUSE BILL 2052

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AN ACT to name a flyover on Interstate 40 in Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County in honor of the late Ralph M. Cohen.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor the memory of those exemplary public servants who, during their lifetimes, contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late Ralph M. Cohen, who served with distinction on the Metro Council for many years, ably representing the West Nashville community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cohen exhibited a sincere love for West Nashville, not only through his distinguished record of public service, but also through his participation in numerous civic activities; and

WHEREAS, an astute businessman, Mr. Cohen set an example as a person, citizen, and family man that all would do well to emulate; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Cohen will always be remembered as a man of integrity who continually strived for the betterment of his city and his community; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly wishes to name a certain flyover on Interstate 40 to honor Mr. Cohen's memory and his bountiful life of purpose and commitment to the greater good; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the flyover that connects Interstate 40 eastbound to Briley Parkway (State Route 155) northbound at Exit 204A

in Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County is hereby designated the "Ralph M. Cohen Memorial Flyover" as a tribute to an excellent public servant and even more accomplished human being.

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the flyover described in Section 1 as the "Ralph M. Cohen Memorial Flyover".

SECTION 3. The erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. This act shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the department of transportation from non-state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this act. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for such signs within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring person or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.